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**"HOARDING"**  
 Dogs aren't the only creatures that practice hoarding by burying their bones. Leopards drag their kill high up in the trees so they can eat without fear of intruders. Beavers collect piles of vegetation around their lodges in anticipation of a cold winter. And squirrels store their nuts and acorns in a tree hollow or bury them in the ground. Of course, your family dog doesn't need to hunt or hoard his food in order to survive. His bowl will always be filled and refilled. But you may still see the instinct of hiding kibble and bones resurface from time to time. One thing has changed, however. Because today's dog doesn't experience the lean times that his canine ancestors did, chances are his hidden treasures may stay hidden.

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- \*The teeth of a rodent never stop growing.
- \*It is believed that the Chow Chow, or fluffy lion-dog, was used as a model for Foo dogs, the traditional stone guardians found in front of Buddhist temples and palaces.
- \*Cats use their whiskers to "feel" the world around them in an effort to determine which small spaces they can fit into. A cat's whiskers are generally about the same width as its body. (This is why you should never, EVER cut their whiskers.)
- \*The largest big cat is the Siberian tiger, which can weigh an astonishing 660 pounds and stretch more than 10 feet nose to tail.
- \*Honey is the only food that does not spoil.
- \*Squirrels who forget where they hid their nuts are responsible for planting millions of trees every year.
- \*Walking backwards is something that both an emu and a kangaroo are not able to do.
- \*George Washington had 36 foxhounds, amongst their names listed in his journals are Sweetlips, Drunkard, Tipler, and Tipsy.

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**SILLY JOKES**  
 Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" A nurse then yells at the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" A nurse goes up to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

Why do bees have sticky hair?  
 Because they use honeycombs.

**QUIZ**

1. What breed of cat resembles leopards and ocelots?
2. In what country were hamsters first discovered?
3. What do a bird and an invoice have in common?
4. What creatures are said to have given their Latin name to the Canary Islands?
5. What breed is often called the Apollo of Dogs?
6. Which US president owned a cat called "Socks"?

**Answers:**  
 1. The Bengal. 2. Syria. 3. Bills.  
 4. Dogs. 5. Great Dane. 6. President Clinton

## PAW-SCOPES

### DOGS:

This little pup is definitely an attention seeker and all he wants is to spend his waking hours with you and is always ready for his next adventure. At this time of year, remember to keep a towel at your door to wipe their paws because they very often find a mess outside to play in.

### CATS:

Strong personality is definitely the trait of this month's cat. It enjoys playing with lots of toys and is friendly towards other household pets. But periodically, this cat is independent and will need lots of quality time alone. A perfect cat to have if you need to work a lot.

**\*Pandas** have plantigrade feet. This means their entire foot (toes and heel) touches the ground when walking, which is similar to the way humans, other bears, and rodents walk. Other animals, such as dogs, cats, and horses walk with their weight on their toes.

**\*The** average canary has about 2,200 feathers.

**\*Goats** do not eat tin cans. They merely nibble at them for the tasty glue on the labels.

**\*Dragonflies** can see in all directions at the same time.

### **What is the scientific name for a Cheetah?**

"Acinonyx jubatus".

Cheetahs are the fastest land animal on the planet, achieving speeds of up to 70 mph.

### **What is the scientific name for a Lion?**

"Panthera leo". "Panthera leo" may sound like the name of a metal band, but it is actually the scientific name of the African lion.

### **What is the scientific name for a Panda?**

"Ailuropoda melanoleuca". The panda's scientific name actually means black and white cat-foot.

### **What is the scientific name for a Chicken?**

"Gallus gallus domesticus".

There are more than 19 billion chickens currently on the face of the planet.

### **What animals are only found in the Galapagos Island?**

The Marine Iguana is only found on the Galapagos Islands has the unique ability to live in the sea, making it a marine reptile.

The cormorants there are the only species in the world that don't fly. And the penguins are the only ones found in warm waters.



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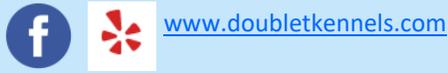
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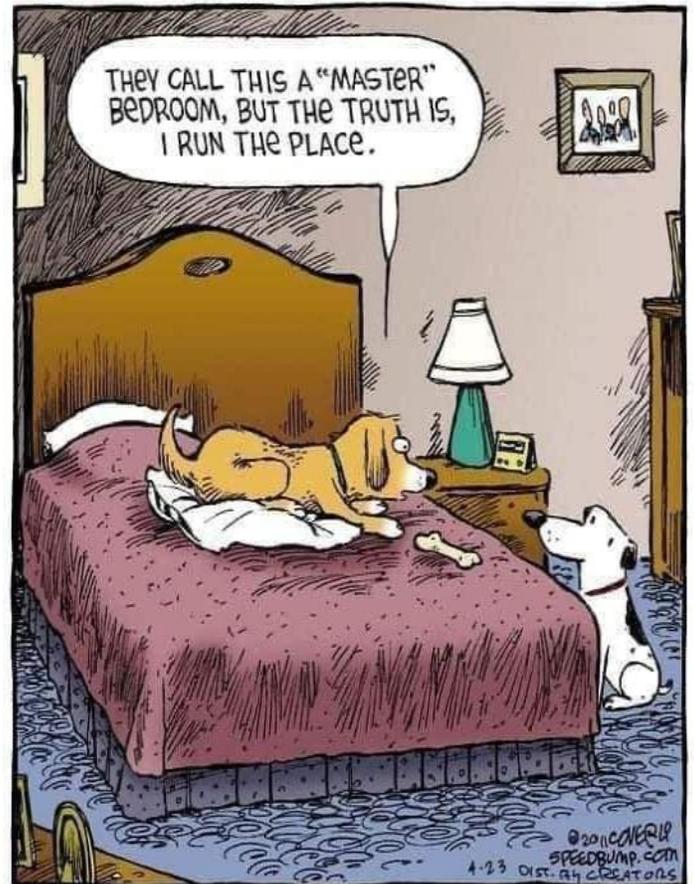
## YOUNG & OLD!

Elderly and infant pets are most **VULNERABLE** in cold weather





# FUNNY MEMES



## Definition of A Shaggy Dog Story

In its original sense, a shaggy dog story is an extremely long-winded anecdote characterized by extensive narration of typically irrelevant incidents and terminated by an anticlimax or pointless punch line.

Shaggy dog stories play upon the audience's preconceptions of joke-telling. The audience listens to the story with certain expectations, which are either simply not met or met in some entirely unexpected manner.

A lengthy shaggy dog story derives its humor from the fact that the joke-teller held the attention of the listeners for a long time (such jokes can take five minutes or more to tell) for no reason at all, as the end resolution is essentially meaningless!

## MOCKINGBIRDS

Mockingbirds are a group of New World passerine birds from the Mimidae family. They are best known for the habit of some species mimicking the songs of other birds and the sounds of insects and amphibians, often loudly and in rapid succession.

The only mockingbird commonly found in North America is the northern mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*).

When the survey voyage of HMS Beagle visited the Galápagos Islands in September to October 1835, the naturalist Charles Darwin noticed that the mockingbirds (*Mimus thenca*) differed from island to island, and were closely allied in appearance to mockingbirds on the South American mainland.

Nearly a year later when writing up his notes on the return voyage he speculated that this, together with what he had been told about Galápagos tortoises, could undermine the doctrine of stability of species. This was his first recorded expression of his doubts about species being immutable, which led to his being convinced about the transmutation of species and hence evolution.



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# CAT LANGUAGE

- Cats normally greet people or announce their presence using a short sound.
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- A medium-length meow might be a request (for water or food).
- A long "mrrrrr-meoooww" is a more insistent request or demand.
- A low meow is a complaint, indication of dissatisfaction, or a readiness to fight.
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